

*Poecilmitis*. After taking into account all relevant factors, the impression has been that this insect could best be accorded specific status.

It is necessary to state that the light, silvery-blue areas are not clearly demarked in the males figured in the plate, as a result of "flash" photographs.

Thanks are due, finally, to Mr. W. H. Henning for kindly furnishing topotypical males of *P. lysander* (found by Messrs. G. A. and S. F. Henning, and I Bampton) for the present study.

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FIRST (?) KENT RECORDS OF TWO SPECIES OF GALERUCINAE (COL.: CHRYSOMELIDAE). — *Lochmaea suturalis* Thoms.: there seems, strangely, to be no published record of this widespread species for Kent—at least, I have no note of any. Its scarcity in the county is doubtless due to the fact that its foodplant, heather, is not a common Kentish plant. I should, therefore, remark that I have taken odd specimens of the beetle on two or three occasions at Petts Wood, Chislehurst, a little south-east of the London county boundary: the first as long ago as April 1929, on a young hawthorn just coming into leaf, and others in later years by sweeping or grubbing in heathery spots. *L. suturalis*, as might be expected, is far more common in Surrey, and the same applies to the very similar but much paler fallow-feeding *L. capreae* L. (for which the V.C.H. list for Kent gives "Rochester district" only).

*Galerucella pusilla* Duft.: I took this insect in the marshes of the river Stour at Fordwich, near Canterbury, 9.ix.68, which again would appear to be the first Kent record; though it must almost surely have been taken before in the county, but perhaps confused with allied species—the genus being a rather difficult one. *G. pusilla* most resembles a small, short, and pale *G. calvariensis* L. I have met with it also at Bookham Common (Surrey), Amberley (Sussex), Wicken Fen, and in the New Forest. Joy (1932, *Pract. Handb. Brit. Beetles*, 1: 404) marks it as rare, but I have found it in more localities than several of its congeners. — A. A. ALLEN.

CERCYON LAMINATUS SHP. (COL.: HYDROPHILIDAE) AT CHARLTON, S.E. (N.W. KENT.) — As this colonist from Japan is so far known in Britain only from Blackheath, S.E., and single localities in Bucks. and Hants. (cf. Allen, 1969, *Ent. Rec.*, 81: 211-2; Appleton, 1972, *Ent. mon Mag.*, 108: 45), it seems desirable to report the finding of a dead example in a bowl full of specimen tubes in my study, several weeks ago, here at Charlton 2½ miles from Blackheath. Its presence in this odd situation is easily explained. The rather few British captures hitherto have all been made at m.v. lamps, and I had been running mine not many days before the insect was found—the bowl of tubes being always taken up to the lamp room on these occasions. The *Cercyon* must have dropped into it unseen, where, unable to escape, it had ultimately perished. — A. A. ALLEN.